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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/683,722	JIANG ET AL.
	Examiner Thien D. Tran	Art Unit 2616

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 02/07/2002.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-37.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.



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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, the prior arts fail to teach or fairly suggest a method for transmitting layer 2 protocol data units (PDUs) in a wireless communications protocol, the wireless communications protocol utilizing a transmission time interval (TTI) in which a predetermined number of PDUs are transmitted, the method comprising:

for each PDU, providing the PDU with a sequence number that is greater than the sequence number of an immediately prior PDU by a first predetermined number if no data was discarded between the data held in the PDU and the data held in the immediately prior PDU, and providing the PDU with a sequence number that is greater than the sequence number of the immediately prior PDU by a second predetermined number if data was discarded between the data held in the PDU and the data held in the immediately prior PDU; and providing the PDUs for transmission in the TTI, within the structure of the independent claim 1.

Regarding claim 22, the prior arts fail to teach or fairly suggest a method for determining acceptable ranges of received sequence numbers in a wireless communications protocol, the wireless communications protocol utilizing:

determining a starting sequence number and an ending sequence number for received PDUs within the TTI; and

discarding any received PDU within the TTI that has a sequence number that is sequentially before the starting sequence number or that is sequentially after the ending sequence number, within the structure of the independent claim 22.

Regarding claim 30, the prior arts fail to teach or fairly suggest a wireless communications system comprising:

an interface for generating the starting sequence number and the ending sequence number, and for discarding any received PDU within the TTI that has a sequence number that is sequentially before the starting sequence number or that is sequentially after the ending sequence number, within the structure of the independent claim 30.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Thien Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-3156. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30AM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doris To, can be reached on (571) 272-7629. Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

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Patent Examiner

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thien Tran".